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India Russia Relations
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) the current status of relations between India and Russia;
(b) whether any change has occurred in age old relations;
(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
(d) the heads under which help from Russia is being received at present?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) Relations with Russia are a key pillar of India"s foreign policy and Russia has been a longstanding, time-tested partner of India. The relations are based on a strong foundation of mutual trust, inherited from longstanding friendly and close relations during the Soviet era, extending over a diverse range of issues. "Declaration on the India-Russia Strategic Partnership" was signed in October 2000. In December 2010, the Strategic Partnership was elevated to the level of a "Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership."

(b) No change has occurred in India's age-old relation with Russia and relations remain as strong and deep rooted as inherited from the Soviet era.

(c) NA.

(d) Russia provides help to India under various heads like defence, nuclear, science and technology, space, energy and various other miscellaneous sectors. Particularly, the defence and the nuclear sectors of India have benefitted from the cooperation with Russia.